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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species (2 pgs); and
2. Return Postcard.

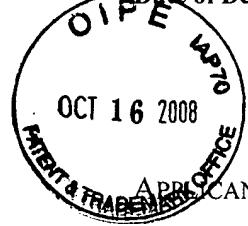
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 17810-519 NATL.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the September 18, 2008 Restriction Requirement mailed in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group VIII, Claim 49, drawn to a pancreatic stem cell, wherein the pancreatic stem cell is CD133+CD49f+, without traverse.

The Restriction Requirement also requires the election of species. Applicants traverse the election of either monoclonal antibody AC133 or monoclonal antibody SC111. Applicants submit that the election is improper because these monoclonal antibodies bind the same target, the CD133 antigen, and thus, the disclosed species constitute a genus of monoclonal antibodies that share a common mode of operation, function, or effect. Moreover, Applicants contend that the imposed species restriction unduly limits the scope of the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention. However, if the Examiner finds that the election of a species is proper, Applicants elect monoclonal antibody AC133. Claim 49 reads on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully note that the election of species is made for the purpose of examination of the claims only and that Applicants maintain the right to have the full scope of the claims, as written, examined on the merits. Further, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims and species in a continuation or divisional application and also respectfully reserve the right to traverse the Examiner's requirement of a restriction/election in a future response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This response is due on or before October 18, 2008. Applicants believe no fees are due with this submission, however, should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 17810-519 NATL).

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